

# ASPD TO AKSD

## PRE-1972

Deaf students sent out of state to residential schools in Western USA or in home school with little to no supports.

## 1972

Alaska Department of Education and Anchorage School District created and funded Alaska State Program for the Deaf (ASPD).

Alaska Advisory Board for the Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students (DEB) was formed to address concerns about Alaskan-based education for DHH students.

## 1975

Russian Jack Elementary became new home for elementary students.

## 1972 - 1975

First operational school sites at Susitna Elementary, Central Middle School of Science, Whaley (kindergarten), Romig Middle school and West High School. Aurora Elementary housed the oral emphasized school.

## 1980

Infant-learning program for DHH children operated by ASPD.

## 1984

ASPD began running the student living center residences (SLC) for students attending the program. Prior to this, students were placed in the foster care system.

## 1987

Program name changed from Alaska State Program for the Deaf to Alaska State School for the Deaf.

## 1992

Clark Middle School and East High School became the home schools for middle and high school students attending Alaska State School for the Deaf.

## 1995

School name changed from Alaska State School for the Deaf to Alaska State School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ASSDHH).

## 1996

The ARC of Anchorage began running the SLC residence.

## 2002

Hanshew Middle School was added to the ASSDHH program.

Infant learning program for DHH children no longer ran by ASSDHH.

## 2015

Hope Community Resources began helping with housing for rural students. They have created a Deaf Student Support Program which provides sign fluent host families for our rural DHH students within ASSDHH.

## 2016

ASSDHH acronym was changed to AKSD. The school name remains as Alaska State School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.